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1. The over-all living conditions, even among Communist Party members and party followers in Malko Turnovo and surrounding area, are very poor. All food, clothing, and other necessary living materials can be procured only from official government outlets through the use of ration cards and stamps. There are no private outlets or open markets where food, produce, and similar products can be obtained. Wearing apparel and materials are almost non-existent on the market; only the more reliable and high-ranking Communists receive better-quality materials and new clothing. Widespread unemployment and near starvation conditions exist for most of the Malko Turnovo inhabitants.
2. All food and produce is procured from cooperatives and is issued on a day-to-day basis. Milk can be obtained only by a doctor's prescription. Bread is rationed according to each individual's status, with non-physical and non-government agency laborers receiving only 300 grams per day. Government officials, government agency employees, and Communist Party members receive a daily bread allocation of 400 grams and up, according to official status and position. The holders of the lowest classification of ration cards receive 400 grams of oleo per month.
3. Most of the population of Malko Turnovo and area who are not employed by official government agencies or government representative firms can find only sporadic employment as common construction laborers, lumberjacks, or part-time farm workers. These individuals, issued the lowest classification of ration cards, do not receive or have adequate clothing and nourishment.
4. Almost all farmers in the Malko Turnovo area have been forced to join the kolkhoz as a result of widespread and severe measures taken by the government against all opposition. However, there is no modern or even old farm equipment and machinery available; all work must be done by hand. There are few cattle, and only sheep and horses of inferior breeding are raised in this area.

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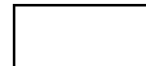
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5. There are only five motor vehicles in use in the area. These vehicles, three trucks and two buses, are operated by and for the Malko Turnovo municipality; only two or three are in operation at any time because they are old and spare parts and repair facilities are not always available.
6. Four tank barriers and road blocks, approximately five meters wide and constructed of reinforced concrete blocks, are located along the Malko Turnovo - Kirkklareli, Turkey highway between Malko Turnovo and the border. Additional tank barriers and road blocks of the same type are under construction along the Malko Turnovo - Burgas highway between Malko Turnovo and Zvezdets.
7. An unidentified battalion of approximately 350 men is stationed in the Malko Turnovo area. Approximately 150 of the troops are garrisoned at Malko Turnovo, the remainder throughout the surrounding area.
8. Two 6-man patrols, composed of three militia teams and three regular soldier teams, patrol Malko Turnovo. The patrols usually change personnel at approximately 2:00 a.m. There are also secret control and check points around the outskirts of Malko Turnovo in operation during the night hours, at the entrances of the following highways:
  - a. Burgas;
  - b. Gramatikovo;
  - c. Kladara;
  - d. Kirkklareli, Turkey;
  - e. Vetanovo (sic);
  - f. Gilata (sic); and
  - g. Pazlik (sic).
9. All border observation posts and control points have been moved from the immediate border vicinity to suitable locations on mountain heights farther inland.
10. There is no curfew hour in Malko Turnovo; however, all stores and coffee houses are closed by 10:00 p.m.
11. Travel and document controls and restrictions are not severely enforced in Malko Turnovo and surrounding area; however, an Otkrit list is needed for travel in the immediate border area. The Otkrit list is issued for valid reasons such as work in the border area or occupational travel in the border area. The document is valid for a period of one month and must be renewed monthly by proper militia authorities and by the chief of the Malko Turnovo border station.

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